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SUBJECT 1. Sightings of Naval Vessels in the Barents Sea
2. Sighting of a Submarine and Remarks on the Port of Mezen

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Att. No. 1: A four-page report which lists Soviet fishing vessels

the Soviets

have put submarines on border patrol duty.

The report also mentions sightings of unidentifiable surface vessels.

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Att. No.2: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of a submarine seven nautical miles northwest of Svyatoy Nos. The submarine had a thick tube issuing at an angle from the after side of the conning tower. This tube branched out into two or three smaller tubes. Attached to the report is a rough sketch of the submarine.

powerful engine noises issuing from the submarine, which was in company with two sketchily described surface vessels. north of Cape Teriberka a possible SVERDLOV-class cruiser. In Mezen

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the wharf, a wooden platform laid down over four lighters chained together, was in very poor condition and appeared not to have had any maintenance work done on it in recent years.

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1. Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/08/10 : CIA-RDP80T00246A050600470001-8

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[redacted] northwest of Svyatoy Nos, a submarine and two surface vessels were observed in a northerly direction. The vessels were on an easterly course at a speed about eight to ten knots, with the two surface vessels first in line and the submarine quite a distance aft and southwest of them.

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Description: The submarine [redacted] had a large tower with gradations on the stern, a periscope or something similar at the middle of the tower. A thick tube issued at an angle aft on the after-side of the tower and branched out in two or three smaller tubes. At a distance of three nautical miles powerful engine-noises issued from the submarine. (See sketch,

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The two surface vessels were identical.

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The vessels had high forecastles, break down to the main deck aft of the bridge. The bridge had a mast with radar equipment just aft. There was one smokestack that was somewhat lower than the bridge-structure. There were guns on the forward and after decks.

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[redacted] north
of C. Teribyerka, one large and several smaller vessels were observed in a
southern direction, just near the coast. The vessels maneuvered at slow speed
and were on differing courses. [redacted]

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[redacted] the largest ship was a cruiser of the SVERDLOV class.

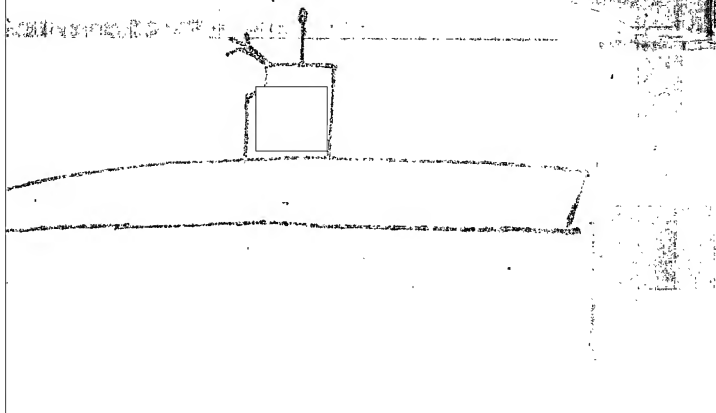
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[redacted] the wharf, a wooden platform laid down over four lighters chained
together, was very poor and did not appear to have had any maintenance work done
on it during the last few years.

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Sketch

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a.

[REDACTED]

b.

[REDACTED] a Soviet naval body was observed at a position ten to twelve nautical miles northwest of Fruholmen. The force consisted of two destroyers and one cruiser that proceeded at line ahead in the order named. The observation distance was very great. At a distance, the cruiser resembled a "two-humped camel".

c.

[REDACTED] at an approximate position N 69°35' - E 35°52', a submarine was sighted. [REDACTED]

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d.

[REDACTED] on the Kildin Banks, two "destroyers" were seen engaged in shooting maneuvers. The vessels steered varying courses and each time they turned, guns were shot off. After an hour's absence in a northeasterly direction, the "destroyers" returned, accompanied by a third, larger vessel identified [REDACTED] as a cruiser.

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[REDACTED] a large naval vessel on the Kildin Banks.

[REDACTED]

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Farther east, several submarines could be glimpsed, and guns could be seen

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f.

the Soviets have put submarines on border patrol duty.

g.

two ice-breakers were seen at a great distance north of Gjesvaer (Western-Finnmark). The vessels were going east.

h.

at a position five nautical miles north of Nordkyn, four Soviet herring-boats were seen. Five large trawlers (Soviet) were seen in Persfjord. Forty-five small trawlers, all of them stern-trawlers, were fishing on Nordfargrunnen.

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On radar [redacted] circa seventy trawlers were counted at 50X1-HUM
Nordfargrunnen. Circa sixty of the vessels were Soviet ships.

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North of Hornsby, on the same day [redacted]

A loaded tanker, circa 11000 tons, going eastward.

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[redacted]
[redacted] at Syltefjord [redacted]

[redacted] a herring-fisher with a bridge and engines aft. The net equipment was on the deck and the vessel was heavily loaded forward, which was probably due to salt in the forward hold.

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